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Certainly no Mortal breathing labours under such Difficulties, as a Man that is, or *has been Impeach'd of High Crimes and Misdemeanors*. After That, almost every thing he do's, or says, is a *High Crime and Misdemeanor*. Whether he *Eats, Drinks, or Fasts, Sleeps or Wakes, Speaks or holds his Tongue, stays at Home or goes A-broad, in a Coach or on Horseback, by Land or by Water, Rides, Walks, Swims, or Flies*; One or other will be sure to have something to say against him.

This has been, and still is, the hard-Case of Dr. Sacheverell. While the Trial was depending, the Rabble attended him in great Numbers between *Westminster and the Temple*. Upon which fifty Questions concerning his Conduct were ask'd in a Breath: *Why did he go so Publickly? Why did he not go by Water? Why did he not Walk? Why did he not go in a Chair? If it must be in a Coach, Why not in a Hackney-Coach? Why must he go in a Gentleman's, or a Nobleman's Coach? Why did he not go earlier?*

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Why did he not lodge at Westminster? I wonder it was not ask'd among other things, *Why he went at all?* And *Why he did not stay at home?* Truly, as to those two last Questions, he was not ambitious of the Honour that was done him, but would very willingly have been excus'd. But as to the rest, he went so Publickly, because he could not help it, as will appear from what follows. He did not go by Water, *1st*. Because at that time of Year he generally takes cold by it; which, if I had been in his Case, I would not have done at that time for a Hundred Pound. *2^{dly}*. Because at his going to take Boat, the Crowd, with their Kindness, would probably have push'd him into the *Thames*. He did not walk, because he would have been throng'd and jostled to Death. As for going in a Chair; to please some People, he *did* once make that Experiment, and was like to have lost his Life by it, the Chair being almost pull'd in pieces. For the same Reason, but with more Safety, he always *did* go in a Hackney-Coach, after he was advis'd so to do; tho' it signify'd nothing, towards the suppression of the Crowd, and 'twas not to be conceiv'd it should. But as to those who were for having him go *early in the Morning*, or lodge at *Westminster*; Thank 'em for their Love; and how should his Business have been done? When every Moment was precious, in order to make his Defence; and he could not have the use of his Books and Papers, and the Attendance of his Counsel, with any tolerable Convenience, if he had remov'd to private Lodgings at *Westminster*. But forsooth, because a Mob was pleas'd to wait upon him, *without the least Encouragement from him*, therefore he must run the hazard of ruining his Affairs, expose himself to the greatest Dangers, comply with contrary sorts of Advice, and in short, perform Impossibilities.

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As much Nonsense has been talk'd, and as many Lyes rais'd upon his late Journey from *London* into *Shropshire*, and the Honours he receiv'd in the several Places thro' which he pass'd. The Dr. was presented to a Living near *Shrewsbury*; and in order to hold it, 'twas necessary for him to go and be inducted into it. Now the courteous Reader is to understand, that between *London* and *Shrewsbury* there are several Towns in the way, besides Villages and Hamlets; thro' which he must unavoidably pass. And if People would come Crouding to stare at him, if they would Hoop and Hollow, make Bonfires, ring Bells, &c. could *He* help it? Nay, if Mayors, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and the like, would pay him the most signal and publick Respect imaginable; supposing there were a Fault in it, yet was it *His* Fault? *Yes; He might have went privately. How came the Inhabitants of those Towns to know that he was coming?* Why, I believe he was so indiscreet, before he went out of *London*, as to acquaint a Friend or two with his intended Journey into the Country. And, as sure as can be, they told it to some other Friends; till at last, perhaps, Forty or Fifty knew it, and by degrees it came into the publick Prints. And when he was upon his Journey, every Body knew what Places were in his way, or near it. 'Tis tedious to answer Objections, which 'tis contrary to Common Sense to make; and therefore I must be pardon'd, if I can't be serious in so very trifling a Controversy. All the World knows how Things of this Nature spread, and that 'tis impossible for the Art of Man to conceal them. So that I don't understand how the Doctor could avoid these Inconveniences (if they were Inconveniences) unless he had either resign'd his new *Preferment*, or found out a Trick to go invisible.

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It is farther to be consider'd, that the same publick Complements have been lately paid, upon the same account, to several *very Great Men*; upon whom 'tis to be presum'd People will be less free in their Censures, than they are upon Dr. *Sacheverell*. And how can it be thought so blameable in him, to receive those Acclamations and Honours, which the Earl of *Nottingham*, My Lord *Willoughby of Brook*, my Lord Arch-bishop of *York*, my Lord Bishop of *Durham*, my Lord Bishop of *Chester*, and Sir *Simon Harcourt* could not avoid?

But hold, not too fast; the great Objection is still behind. Why did He go out of his Way, as he did to some Towns, and to several Noblemen's, and Gentlemen's Houses? I answer, because *some of 'em* were his *Relations*, and he had Business with them *then*, at *that time* of very great Importance. *All of 'em* invited him, and *many of 'em* waited upon him *in Person* to invite him. Now because a Man has been Impeach'd, must he not go about his *necessary Business*? And is he oblig'd to act contrary to the *Rules of Common Civility*, and *Good Manners*? This is *Punishing* him *indeed*, and far more than ever his Judges intended. If *Noblemen*, or *Gentlemen of Quality*, or the *Magistracy of a Town* will wait upon a private Clergyman to invite him to their Houses, would it not be unpardonable Rudeness in him to refuse to go? And by the way, I believe those Noblemen, Gentlemen, and Magistrates knew what was fit to be done, as well as you and I do; and I think the Doctor had wanted Modesty, if he had not submitted *his own Judgment* to *theirs*. The Bulk of the Nobility and Gentry of a County, and the Magistracy of Cities and Corporations are *no Mob*, I hope; tho' some have had the man-
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ners to make no distinction between *Them*, and those that *Hollow'd* and *Huzza'd* about them. The Short of the Matter is this; Some People were vex'd and mad to see the Doctor so kindly receiv'd; and so would fain have made a Story about *fresh Crimes*, and a *new Trial*, in order to gratify the *Malice* of *Knaves* on the one hand, and to terrify *irresolute Minds* on the other.

For pray, what Crime was he guilty of? Or what Mischief has he so much as *occasion'd*? There has been no *Sedition*, no *Tumult*, no *Injury* offer'd to any Body, that I can hear of. The Doctor did certainly receive extraordinary Honour and Respect; and it was paid him by such as are zealous for the *Queen, the Church, and the Protestant Succession*. I wish those that condemn 'em were half so zealous for the same Cause. I know He and his Friends have been all call'd *Jacobites* and *Papists*; but that Cant is now so stale and senseless, that every Boy laughs at it. Not but that there might be some few *Papists* and *Jacobites* among 'em, for ought I know; and it has long been their way to scandalize the Church Party, by pretending to favour it. Of this we have lately had another notorious Instance, in a Treasonable Pamphlet, written by a hot *Jacobite*, but pretended to be on the side of those who have nothing to do with Him, or his Principles; and think he deserves to be punish'd by that Government whose Indulgence he abuses.

Well, but the Doctor sent word to what Places he was coming, and express'd his Dislike in one, at the Mayor and Aldermen's not being in their Formalities when they waited on him; gave his Hand to kiss, and scatter'd his Benedictions among the People. These Lyes are so ridiculous, that those who made 'em sure did it wholly for the Pleasure of Lying, without expecting that one single Mortal of Common Sense

Sense should believe 'em. Supposing the Doctor were as wicked as they could wish him, did they ever hear he was stark mad? But we have been so us'd to these Calumnies of late, that nothing now is strange to us. Tho' so many hundred scandalous Stories have been put upon *that Man*, in the compass of half a Year, with respect not only to his *Principles* and his *Morals*, but to almost every *Thing* and *Person* that *belongs* to him, or has *any relation* to him, that one would think the *Devil* himself should by this time be tir'd with making Lyes upon the *same Subject*.

To be serious therefore; if they can prove that Dr. Sacheverell has by any *Popular Art*, or *Behaviour*, drawn these Applauses upon himself, or that there was any *Danger* or *Sedition* in them, they will indeed say something; but we are sure no such thing can ever be prov'd, because no such thing was ever *done*.

Tho', as I said, it is very hard to deny a Man the Liberty of going about his *necessary Business*, or shewing *Common Civility* and *Gratitude* to his Friends, only because he has been *Impeach'd*; yet 'tis confess'd, that a Man in the Doctor's Circumstances, ought to be more than ordinarily careful and circumspect in all his Words and Actions; nor do I find by any thing objected against him, that he has ever been otherwise. He was uneasy under the Burthen of the Honours which were paid him; and is always Modest and Reserv'd upon that Subject. Were there the least Proof to the contrary, something might be said; but for People to *blame* and *censure* a Man, without knowing for *what*, or without having any *determinate Meaning* in their *own Words*, has indeed of late been *very common*, but is *always very unreasonable*.

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